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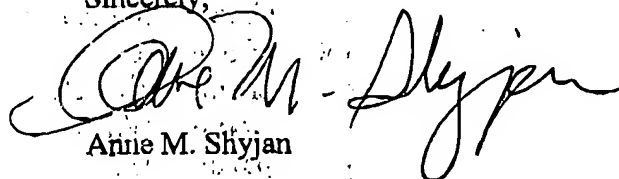
Re: Request Regarding Scheduled Oral Hearing

Dear Mr. Feinberg:

An oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in connection with an appeal in patent application serial number 10/069,362 (entitled "High Pressure/High Temperature Production of Colored Diamonds") is currently scheduled for August 9, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. Accordingly, Jim Singer of our firm will be representing Appellants on that date in oral arguments before the Board. I am writing to request approval for the use of certain equipment and software during oral argument. Specifically, Mr. Singer would like to use a laptop computer and Microsoft PowerPoint software during the oral argument. **Please let me know if this can be permitted.**

Additionally, it is our understanding that the proceedings before the Board in patent appeals cases are generally not open to the public. However, we would like to request admittance, for myself or Mr. Singer, to attend and observe an oral hearing prior to August 9, 2006 in order to obtain general information regarding the oral argument proceedings. **Please let me know if this can be arranged.**

Sincerely,


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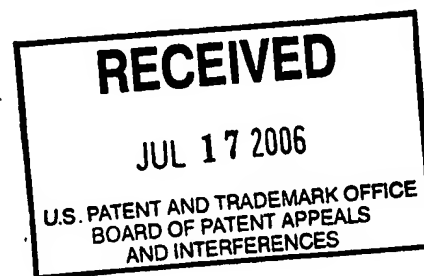
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